

ONLY ONE IS CLOSE

GLAND CIRCUIT RACES NOT UP TO OPENING DAY MARK.

Benton Wilkes Wins the Postponed 2:17 Trot—Three-Year-Old Race a Mere Matter of Form for Larabee—Cephus Makes a Good Race of the 2:15 Trot—Humpas Wins the 2:30 Pace—Alix Makes Another Failure—Toledo Exposition Races—Ladies' Day at Churchill Downs, where Fraulien Wins Other Races.

New York, Aug. 27.—There was a distinct falling of the character of the sport at the Grand Circuit meeting today, only one race finished anything like a close race. Rain fell at noon and kept many persons away.

Benton Wilkes in the postponed 2:17 race won his third heat in hollow style. The race for 3-year-olds was a mere formality. Larabee outclassing the others and the real contest was between Fred Kohl and Geddes for second money. In the 2:30 class for pacers, Humpas, who scored Rachel out in 2:05 1/2 at Buffalo recently, was an overwhelming favorite and an easy winner. Cephus won a rousing race in the 2:15 class, defeating Queezy and Captain Rice, both of whom were heavily backed to win. Cephus was quoted at 10 to 1 before the start. He made a break in the first mile and was out of the hunt before reaching the first quarter pole. Arava in this heat looked like a sure winner until he reached the home stretch where he weakened giving the place to Bravado. The horse pulled up lame and was down in the second and succeeding heats Cephus easily outtried the high class field.

Alix was sent to beat the track record, 2:05 1/2, but the best she could do was 2:08 1/2. Summaries: In the 2:17 trot, purse \$2,000, Benton Wilkes won second, third and fourth heats. Time 2:17 1/2, 2:18, 2:19 1/2. Bravado won first heat in 2:14 and finished second in the remaining heats. Scranton Belle was third.

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copper, gong, bronze images and lotus leaves, gongs and drums placed upon pedestals or hanging from the roof, gilded streamers, portraits of famous priests, and quaint pictures in the Japanese style representing scenes in the life of Buddha and Nichiren, who seems to have been a sort of St. Peter.

The altar was a pyramid of rather gaudy decorations, candlesticks, and paper flowers, with myriads of candles, burning incense sticks and bundles of paper prayers before the images of different gods. On the summit and in the center of the altar is a massive edifice of Buddha, wearing the invariably complacent smile. The peasants think it is a solid mass of gold, but it is only a block of wood gilded. At the right of the altar, behind gilded doors, is a similar image of the sainted Nichiren.

The priests came from their retiring rooms in a long procession, marching awkwardly and unevenly, some with long strides and some with short, and their faces furnished a most interesting study for a physiognomist. Some were gross and gluttonous; others were sanctified expressions, as if they had acquired the supreme ambition of every Buddhist, which is the entire suppression of the passions and the enjoyment of a holy calm. Some were old and toothless; others were young, almost boyish. Several had strong, intellectual faces, others were almost idiotic in their expression, and it did not require a Lavater to decide that all sorts of characters have found their way into the Buddhist priesthood.

The procession was led by priests who wore robes of a distinctive color and fashion, handsomely embroidered. Then came two acolytes bearing trays that were covered with napkins, which they afterward placed on the altar. Following them was the high priest, who wore a long white beard and looked like a patriarch. He is the bishop of the largest Buddhist diocese in Japan, and is reputed to be a man of proper life, profound learning and great influence in public affairs. His robes were gorgeous brocades, scarlet and purple and gold. He carried an elaborate lacquer staff like a crozier and a horse-tail switch, which is used in the distribution of blessings. It is waved before the image of Buddha and then over the heads of the worshippers to distribute the beneficent influence of the god through the atmosphere. The other priests wore robes of different colors, which seemed to indicate their rank—white, yellow, green, purple, blue and scarlet. Some were embroidered and some were plain, and every priest carried in his hand a folding fan, which he used frequently through the service. We counted two hundred of them, and there were many more.

The high priest knelt in front of a reading desk before the altar and muttered a prayer, switching his horsehair wand to and fro at intervals, while the other celebrants took their places in long rows at either side of the altar, facing each other and squatting upon their heels in front of low lacquer tables covered with boxes.

I noticed that the tables corresponded in color with the robes of the priests. There was a strong odor of incense as the high priest led a chanted service from a parchment roll spread out before him, and a muscular monk over a corner beat a suspended drum about the size and shape of a whiskey barrel with an instrument that looked like a baseball bat. Whenever he struck the drum the priests chanted the sacred formula of Nichiren: "Namu mio onore kyoo," which literally means, "Glory to the Book that brought salvation, the blossom of religion."

The high priest then arose from his reading desk and, followed by the acolytes bearing something on lacquered trays that was concealed under embroidered covers, took his place at the other end of the aisle under an immense red umbrella. His attendants threw over his shoulders a scarlet robe, and then, as he touched a gong, all of the priests lifted the covers from their little lacquer tables and disclosed piles of books—the sacred gospels of Buddha. Then, under the leadership of the high priest, they commenced to intone the contents of these volumes in concert, while two or three priests struck gongs occasionally, first one and then another, without any apparent regularity or order, but I suppose they understood their business.

As the gong would strike, the monotonous intonations would swell in volume, and the stately and tedious service. Then the muscular monk with the baseball bat would go over and pound the big drum awhile with an energy that showed that he was in earnest. They told us that the terrific racket which he made was intended to attract the attention of the gods, and he did his best to keep them awake. Occasionally an attendant brought the high priest tea, which he drank in a swallow, while the singing, chanting and the gong went on. It lasted for five hours continuously. We got enough of it in two.

This is said to have been one of the most solemn and momentous ceremonies that have ever occurred in Japan, and it is believed to have brought into the Buddhist paradise the wandering souls of all the soldiers who fell in the war.

Another remarkable service was held in this same temple in 1889, when the same priests chanted a similar litany for the repose of the souls of the sailors of the American man-of-war Onizuka, which was sunk with her officers and crew near the mouth of Yeddo bay in 1853. The bones of many of the lost were afterward recovered by wreckers and buried in the grounds that surround the temple at Ikegama. At the service five years ago the American admiral and his staff attended, with one hundred sailors from the fleet, including one from the solitary boat's crew that escaped the disaster.—Chicago Record

YES, HE MAY SHOOT

ATTORNEY GENERAL CRANE ANSWERS SHERIFF OARELL.

Replying to His Interrogatory as to the Extent to Which He is Empowered to Go in an Emergency Should One Arise in Regard to the Dallas Prize Fight—Crane Quotes Law and Tells Cabell that He will be Held Guiltless—George Dixon Defeats Johnny Griffin in Twenty-Five Rounds.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 27.—Today Attorney General Crane gave out his second opinion anent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize-fight at Dallas in October. This opinion was called for by an interrogatory propounded by Sheriff Cabell of Dallas county, as to whether in suppressing the fight he was legally empowered to shoot and kill those who interfered with him. The matter was referred to the attorney general by the governor and he today handed down his opinion holding that in the lawful discharge of his duty the sheriff certainly had the right to use firearms if emergency demanded.

The attorney general bases his opinion on the statutes governing riots, etc. He holds as a premise that the participants in the fight, their seconds and referee, will comprise more than three people, and inasmuch as they are assembled for the purpose of violating one of the statutes, they are an unlawful or riotous assemblage and lay them selves liable to summary dealing if the emergency arises. The attorney general argues that these fighters, with all those in attendance, will certainly be a gathering in violation of the law and that under the law the sheriff or any sworn peace officer is bound to disperse said assemblage at any cost.

The attorney general also adds at the close of his opinion that while he does not think that there will be any occasion for the sheriff to shoot anyone in a peaceable city like Dallas, that if the emergency does arise that will necessitate his shooting and killing those who interfere with his deputies he will in no wise be held responsible for murder.

DIXON GETS THE DECISION. Though Griffin Seems to Have Lots of Fight Left.

Boston, Aug. 27.—George Dixon, the colored lightweight boxer of Boston, was given the decision this evening over John Griffin, "Bratified Lad" at the end of a 25-round match held under the auspices of the Farragut club in the Newton street armory.

The decision was a surprise to the majority of the 3,000 people present, it having been generally understood that there was to be no decision if both men were on their feet at the end of the twenty-five rounds unless, perhaps, there should be a decided difference in the condition of the boxers. Both men were certainly in very good condition at the end of the twenty-fifth round although Dixon had done the best work.

Griffin surprised his friends by his game manner in which he took Dixon's punishment and they confidently expected a draw. Dixon was seconded by Tom O'Rourke, Maurice Kelly and Joe Gonn. Attending about even were Eddie Conley and James Robinson. Both men weighed in this afternoon at 128 pounds, Dixon being a trifle the lighter.

In the first round Dixon started in apparently to end up the fight and landed heavily, twice, Griffin was forced to the ropes and the end of the third and was sent down by a right hander on the jaw but got up again and pulled off the round by clinching.

Throughout the fifth round Dixon continued on the aggressive. Dixon landed left on nose and sneaked in a right when the men clinched. Griffin ducked and the fight was about even. Both exchanged rights and lefts before the end of the round.

In the sixth Griffin partially closed Dixon's eyes. The seventh was a terrific one. Dixon repeatedly jabbed Griffin cross-countering effectively several times. Work was very rugged throughout. Griffin about even. By this time it was apparent that the winner must be some lively work in order to get a decision. Dixon was through his first round and Griffin's fine training was manifest in his ability to stand up under severe punishment. In the eighth round the pace was a hot one then both men eased up for the next five.

In the twentieth round Dixon changed his tactics and swung hard on the wind. Dixon tried to stop with the left but was avoided. Both men began to show the effects of their work and the next two rounds were a bit of a lull.

In the twenty-third round Dixon tried hard for a knock out but did not succeed. The remaining two rounds were somewhat up and down. It was apparent that Griffin had lots of fight in him.

For the preliminary there were eight rounds of the fight between Johny Briggs of Waltham and Mick Doherty of Boston. In the seventh Doherty was knocked down twice but as he was not on his feet at the end of the eighth, the bout was declared a draw.

Change of Heart. Deacon Skinnem—I can't tell you how blessed I am in my son now. You know I always had him getting him to go to church, but of late he has been going willingly, not only on Sundays but on week days. He never misses a service, and I feel at last that his soul is safe, and we will all meet together in that far-off heaven of love and peace, promised to the faithful.

Neighbor—Your son is in love with Miss De Poore, who sings in the choir. Deacon Skinnem—What! Does he intend to marry that poverty-stricken girl? If he goes near that church again I'll disinherit him!—N. Y. Weekly.

Terrible Blow Told Him. Bagger—Some one told me that your wife was killed in a cyclone out west. Wagger—Yes. I tell you, old man, that was the greatest blow I ever had.—Town Topics.

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